

ARCHIBALD MERRIMAN.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 591.]

APRIL 6, 1860.

Mr. FENTON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Archibald Merriman, report:

That they have examined the proofs, from which it appears that the petitioner enlisted as a private in May, 1813, under Captain Amberson, a recruiting officer, in Stoystown, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He marched to Pittsburg, and from thence, under Colonel Hugh Brady, marched to Fort George, in Canada; thence down the St. Lawrence to French Mills, under General Wilkinson; from thence marched to Plattsburg; from Plattsburg they went to Burlington, Vermont; afterwards joined General Brown's army at Black Rock; was in the battle of Chippewa, July, 1814; was also in the battle of Lundy's Lane, on the 25th of the same month, and was wounded; fought bravely, and was in the charge made by Lieut. Sturgis on the enemy's cannon, in which Sturgis was killed. Afterwards was at Fort Erie when it was blown up, in August, 1814, and was there again wounded in the leg, and in consequence of which he has been unable for sixteen years past to perform manual labor.

Your committee concur in reporting a bill granting him a pension at \$8 per month, dating from December 13, 1858, the time of the filing of his application to Congress. Your committee would further report that his application to the Pension office was rejected on account of some defect in the rolls, his name not being enrolled in due form; and they further report that the petitioner was promoted to the office of corporal in 1814.

